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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Private Wells - Radium Contamination - Study Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Radium Contamination in
4 Private Wells, the means of reducing the financial cost of testing for radium
5 contamination by private citizens, and alternate means of removing radium
6 from well water; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the
7 Task Force to submit a final report to the General Assembly by a certain date;
8 and generally relating to the establishment of a Task Force to Study Radium
9 Contamination in Private Wells.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That

12 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Radium Contamination in Private Wells.

13 (b) The Task Force shall consist of eight members, who shall be appointed by
14 the Governor.

15 (c) The Task Force shall meet at least once a month for a period of six months.

16 (d) The Task Force shall study:

17 (1) The extent of radium contamination in private wells in the State;

18 (2) Means by which the financial cost of testing for radium
19 contamination in the water of private wells might be reduced for citizens who live in
20 areas that are considered to be at high risk for contamination; and

21 (3) Whether any methods exist, other than ion exchange or reverse
22 osmosis, that can be used to remove radium from drinking water.

23 (e) The Task Force shall, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article,
24 submit a final report of its findings to the General Assembly on or before December
25 31, 2001.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2001.

